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## STALEY REAL ESTATE OFFERS A RANGE OF SERVICES AND UNMATCHED LOCAL EXPERIENCE

By Joe Doran

Real estate market conditions may change. But Staley Real Estate leverages long experience and local knowledge of the Northern Dutchess and Southern Columbia area, to make sure their clients stay ahead of the trends.

Whether it's buying or selling a home or needing property management services from a firm that knows

that specialty from the inside, Staley Real Estate can handle it.

Homer "Knick" Staley, Jr. and his son Dan Staley, Principal Broker, represent the second and third generation of the firm, which has served and helped shape the Rhinebeck community for almost three-quarters of a century.

No one knows the area better, and no firm has been more connected to the modern history of the area than Staley.



Dan Staley and Homer "Knick" Staley Jr.

### Expanding Services During Challenging Times

The housing inventory crunch that worsened over the course of the Covid pandemic has not abated, and Knick and Dan say that's not likely to change anytime soon.

The firm has responded to the changing dynamic by expanding their own hands-on property management and landlord experience, to service clients seeking those kinds of services.

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## Hudson River Maritime Museum Seeking Winter Wear Donations for Mitten Tree Drive - Gloves, hats, socks, and more - will benefit People's Place

Hudson River Maritime Museum is collecting winter accessories as part of the museum's annual Mitten Tree drive. For over a decade, the museum has collected new or handmade winter wear. The items are hung on a 10' wooden tree structure located in the museum's main exhibit gallery. Donations will be brought periodically to People's Place, Kingston, NY beginning with their Project Santa event and continuing throughout the winter months. Donations sought include gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, hand warmers, and umbrellas.



Items can be for all ages and can be brought to the museum store which is located at 50 Rondout Landing in Kingston. The store is open Thursday-Sunday, 11:00am-5:00pm and a designated box will be available on the front porch to accept donations when the store is closed. The Hudson River Maritime Museum is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the maritime history of the Hudson River, its tributaries and related industries. In addition to extensive collections documenting maritime transportation, industry, recreation, and natural science, the museum offers classes and programs at its Wooden Boat School, Sailing and Rowing

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Everyone a  
Happy, Healthy,  
and Safe  
Holiday Season  
From The  
Hudson River  
View

## December Events at Clinton Community Library

You won't believe the amazing programs happening at Clinton Community Library in December! For more specific information about any library programs, or to register, please call (845) 266-5530 or email [larnold@clintoncommunitylibrary.org](mailto:larnold@clintoncommunitylibrary.org)

### Ongoing Programs:

#### Qi Gong with Vince (online)

#### (Optimistic Aging)

Mon. 12/5, Mon. 12/12, Mon. 12/19, Mon. 12/26 at 9:30 AM  
Wed. 12/7, Wed. 12/14, Wed. 12/21, Wed. 12/28 at 9:30 AM

Vince Sauter will teach you how to lower stress and keep calm with Tai Chi. Class will focus on breathing in the calm and breathing out the tension. Register to receive the Zoom meeting link.  
**Story time on the Dot** (in-person)  
Tue. 12/6, Tue. 12/13, Tue. 12/20, Tue. 12/27 at 10:30 AM  
Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 for Story time! Listen to fun stories, sing songs, and have fun, all centered around a different theme every week.

#### Mah Jongg (in-person)

#### (Optimistic Aging)

Tue. 12/6, Tue. 12/13, Tue. 12/20, Tue. 12/27 at 2:00-4:00 PM  
Fri. 12/2, Fri. 12/9, Fri. 12/16, Fri. 12/23 at 2:00-4:00 PM

If you're looking for a game to keep your mind sharp, or if you enjoy games that make you think strategically, you'll want to give Mah Jongg a try! Players of all levels welcome  
**All Level Yoga (Online only for the remainder of 2022)**

Wed. 12/7, Wed. 12/14, Wed. 12/21, Wed. 12/28 at 6:00 PM  
Sat. 12/3, Sat. 12/10, Sat. 12/17 at 10:00 AM  
Join Mia Tomic on the green beside the library and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. Weather permitting, otherwise only on Zoom. Contact CCL for registration information.

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## A HOLIDAY "HISTORY MYSTERY" FOR CHILDREN AT STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER, 1:00-3:00PM

Staatsburgh State Historic Site will host the *Holiday Whodunit*, a mystery for children, every Sunday afternoon this December. Children ages 6 to 11 and their family members can



come anytime between the hours of 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to attend the program. The children become detectives and solve a mystery by interviewing costumed interpreters, who portray Gilded Age houseguests and servants. Advanced registrations are required at [www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS). One of Staatsburgh's most popular programs, the *Holiday Whodunit* has become an annual tradition for many families, who come each December to enjoy the holiday decorations and crack another Gilded Age case. While the children question suspects, their parents can enjoy

decorations that evoke the spirit of the turn of the century. Staatsburgh's holiday décor reflects the style of Gilded Age Christmases, from the over-the-top dining room ornamentation to the old-fashioned plain white gift-wrap paper used on presents heaped under the mansion's 18-foot Christmas tree. The tree is decorated with electric lights, as trees might have been in other mansions of the period. Tree lighting was an early application of electricity, first used by one of Thomas Edison's engineers on his Christmas tree at home. Parents should plan about an

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## Theatre on the Road presents its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual interactive, dinner theater version of Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck.

Hudson Valley residents have seen Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Ghosts of Christmas from a theatre seat. This season Theatre on the Road, a local production company, is inviting local residents to dine with them. This is an opportunity to kick-off the Christmas holiday season with song, laughter and nostalgia as actors and carolers bring scenes from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* to life. The historic Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, New York will present this unique dinner show and they are offering a three-course dinner with entrée choice, the show, which includes Victorian carolers at tableside, for \$75 per person. Schedule dates and times for *A Christmas Carol* at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck are Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Reservations for either dinner show can be secured by visiting calling 845-876-7077 ext. 361. For information visit [www.murdercafe.net](http://www.murdercafe.net) and the December calendar page. The dinner show will include Victorian carolers at tableside, before the show and during the dinner break, and the performance



Scrooge and Tiny 2021

will be preceded by a reception where guests will meet Ebenezer Scrooge, the Ghosts of Christmas, the Cratchit family including Tiny Tim and Nephew Fred "Frank and Kristen's show continues to gain critical praise for every detail including authentic costumes, musical interludes and in depth characterizations", says Nancy Marcellus, marketing manager of Lawry's Prime Rib Restaurant. This production is a tribute

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The January  
Edition Of The  
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Will Be In  
Area Homes On  
January 4th  
The Deadline For  
Advertising And  
Press Release  
Submission  
Is December 21st



# ACCORDING TO QUACKERS



## Red squirrels make mushroom jerky to prepare for the winter.

Plenty of animals tuck away food for the winter, including red squirrels, who prepare a particularly unique snack to enjoy when the temperature drops. Along with storing seeds and nuts, the culinarily inclined critters dry out mushrooms in trees to make what *National Geographic* describes as “hand-made artisanal conifer-dried mushroom jerky.” Yum! **Thundersnow is a rare, but real, weather phenomenon.** It’s not unusual to hear thunder during a summer storm, but did you know that thunder can come clapping during the

winter months, too? It’s called thundersnow, and it’s a rare weather phenomenon that refers to a snowstorm complete with both thunder and lightning. For thundersnow to occur, “the air layer closer to the ground has to be warmer than the layers above, but still cold enough to create snow,” according to CNN. **And there’s also pink watermelon snow that has a sweet smell and taste.** Spotting colorful snow of any shade is exciting, but if you happen to see pink snow then you can impress your friends by letting them know it’s called watermelon snow, according to The Old Farmer’s Almanac. Along with sharing the tasty fruit’s pleasant pink shade, the snow also smells sweet. But that doesn’t mean that you should eat it! The rosy hue is often due to algae, which can make you sick if you ingest it. **Snow rollers are self-forming snowballs.** Don’t feel like rolling your own snowballs this winter? Then you’ll want to keep an eye out for snow rollers, which, according

to *National Geographic*, are “the cold weather equivalent of tumbleweeds.” Apparently, “wind pushes snow across the ground, gathering it into a hollow cylinder” and creating these self-forming snowballs. **Some cities use beet juice, beer waste, and pickle brine on icy winter roads instead of salt.** For years, it’s been common practice to use salt on roads and sidewalks in order to melt slippery—and potentially dangerous—ice. But, salt can actually be harmful to the environment and in an effort to be more eco-friendly, some cities are using alternative methods to melt ice, such as beet juice, beer waste, and pickle brine, according to *National Geographic*. A county in

Wisconsin, a state famous for its dairy, is even using cheese brine to prep roads before snowstorms!

## A Holiday History Mystery from page 1

hour for the children to make their way through the mansion. After an introduction to the mystery, the children go room to room interviewing suspects to uncover clues. In each room, they find Mrs. Mills’ guests or Mrs. Mills’ servants, all of them eager to prove their innocence and implicate someone else. At the end of the visit, children submit a ballot with their vote for whom they suspect. “We try to hit the sweet spot between not too hard and not too

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easy,” said Staatsburgh Educator, Donald Fraser. “We want a mystery that is easy enough that a 6-year-old could figure it out, maybe with some help from the parents, but not so easy that an 11-year-old would see through it right away. If the children pay close attention, they’ll pick up the clues that will help them deduce the one right answer.” All ballots will be entered in a drawing for a prize, to be awarded after the *Holiday Whodunit* is over at the end of December. Winners will receive a \$20 gift certificate from the *Holiday Whodunit’s* sponsors, Oblong Books & Music and the Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh. The Holiday Whodunit will take place on December 4, 11 and 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (last reserved entry time at 2:30 p.m.). Advanced registrations are required at [www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS). Staatsburgh will open for holiday touring beginning Friday, November 25. Touring hours will be Thursday

through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through December 23. The site will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and then will be open every day from December 26 through December 31. Site admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors; children 12 and younger are free. Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park are located on Old Post Road in Staatsburg, off Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Hyde Park. The historic site is one of 6 sites and 15 parks administered by the Taconic Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. For more information, call 845-889-8851, or visit Staatsburgh’s websites at <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/25/details.aspx>, [www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS), and [www.staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com](http://www.staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com). Staatsburgh’s events are listed at <https://parks.ny.gov/events/event-results.aspx?hs=25> New York State Office of

Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 individual parks, historic sites, recreational trails, and boat launches, which were visited by a record 78 million people. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit [www.parks.ny.gov](http://www.parks.ny.gov), download the free [NY State Parks Explorer mobile app](#) or call 518.474.0456. Also, connect with us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Rhinecliff Light Up Night

Saturday, December 10 from 5 pm to 7 pm (ish)  
Downtown Rhinecliff  
Morton Memorial Library & Community House  
82 Kelly Street, Rhinecliff, NY 845-876-2903  
Morton hopes to again create light and foster community by asking each family in the hamlet to line their street-front with luminaria on the evening of December 10. People will walk through the hamlet, visiting with neighbors while enjoying a complimentary hotcider from The Epicurean and a holiday cookie from Kips Tavern. Perhaps music on porches, perhaps firepits on front lawns?! The annual Grange wreath will be up and ready for photo posing. You can pick up your luminaria kits at Morton. We are asking for a donation of \$20 (for a kit of 10 candles, bags, and sand); donations will go to Red Hook Responds. Info: [sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org](mailto:sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org)



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM – ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE

Members of the Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley began “16 Days of Activism” by assembling on the green in the Village

of Chatham. The group wore orange scarves and carried signs which read “Zonta Says No” to violence against women and other appropriate messaging. The local community showed their support by beeping car horns, waving and stopping to chat.



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ACROSS

- 1) Turbaned teacher

6) Monastery's main man

11) Unit of 5.5 yards

14) \_\_\_ the run (munch in motion)

15) Airborne vehicle

16) Busy IRS month

17) Thomas Paine work (with "The")

19) "East" on a grandfather clock

20) Beds for biddies

21) Early time

23) 20 equal 1 kurus

26) "Two" and "too," for example

28) Candy purchase

29) Volunteer's cry

31) Theater, opera, etc.

32) "Humble" home

34) Tehran is its capital

36) Film winds up on it

39) FBI head?
- 41) Large cactus

43) Fall head over heels

44) Musical epilogue

46) Adjust the clock

47) "Gee whillikers!"

49) Cathedral recess

51) "10" on a calendar, briefly

52) Hardest to get

55) Primitive shelter

57) Very, in musical scores

58) Letting off the throttle (with "up")

60) Anne's double

61) I, in writing

66) In the past

67) Retina part

68) Printer's proof, briefly

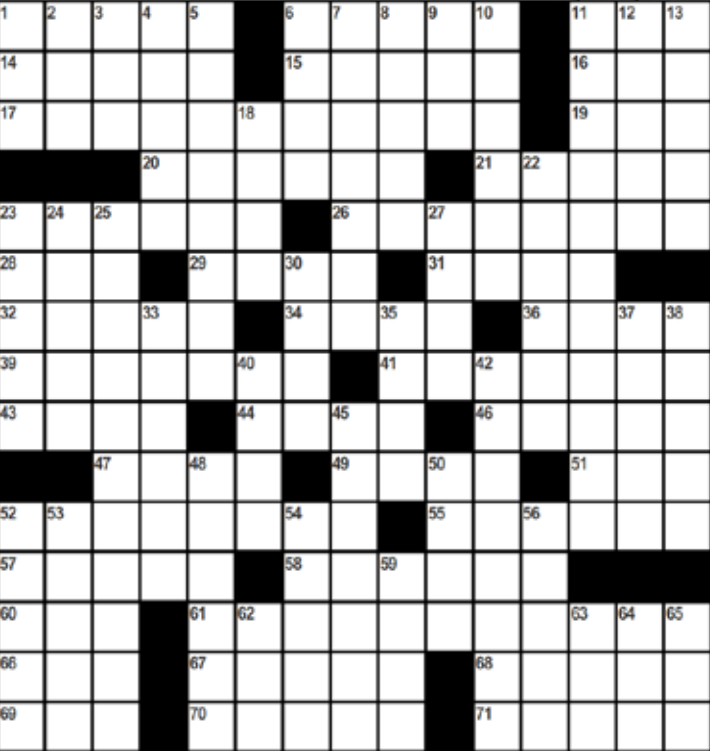
69) Wasn't exactly brave

70) Full of beef fat

71) Long wistfully

MY FOUR BOYS

By Jerry Berns



DOWN

- 1) Pirate's home (with "the")

2) Wave back and forth

3) Banqueted

4) Dudley or Demi

5) Tattletale

6) Fossey subjects

7) Blowhard's talk

8) Lowest male singing voice

9) Lennon's wife

10) Muscle for stretching

11) Bad time for a tropical vacation

12) Poppy product

13) Doesn't exactly flow

18) Bouquet unit

22) Not factual

23) Toward the back of the boat

24) Cavalry sword

25) Wayward one in a parable

27) "Give that \_\_\_ cigar!"

30) Venus de \_\_\_

33) Expel from a country

35) "Hurry!" letters

37) Standing straight

38) State-sponsored millionaire maker

40) Bad end for a tooth?

42) Feature of a lush backyard

45) Computer program input

48) Shows skepticism

50) Minor mistake

52) Nasty political ad

53) Cuban ballroom dance

54) Start a tennis game

56) Be in harmony

59) Time at a hotel

62) Debt acknowledgment

63) Place for hydrotherapy

64) Legendary Bruin Bobby

65) Persona \_\_\_ grata

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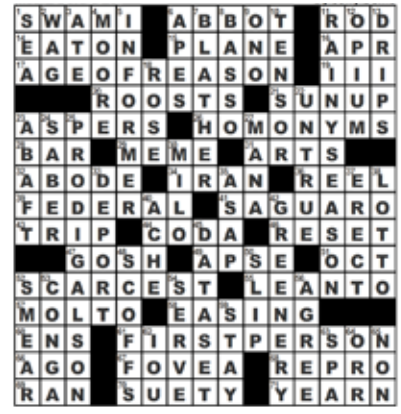
**Hudson River Maritime Museum from page 1**  
School, and aboard *Solaris*, the 100% solar powered tour boat and floating classroom. The museum is located along the historic Rondout waterfront in downtown Kingston. Visit [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org) for more information.

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**Chair Yoga**, (in-person or online) (*Optimistic Aging*)  
*Fri. 12/2, Fri. 12/9 at 11:00 AM*  
Join Samantha Free on zoom for Chair Yoga for ALL. Learn the basics of breath, meditation,

and movement. This class will help you stretch and strengthen. Registration required so that you can get the link. Please register online or call the library at (845)-266-5530.  
**Zumba**, (online)  
*Sat. 12/3, Sat. 12/10, Sat. 12/17 at 11:00 AM*  
Join Ginny Morrow for a fun fitness routine every Saturday at 9 AM. Pre-registration is not required. You may sign in at the door.  
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computer? Drop-in anytime on Saturdays between 9AM-1PM or call the library at (845)-266-5530 to book an appointment.  
**Monthly Meetings:**  
**Monday 12/5 at 6:30 PM – Board of Trustees Meeting** (in person)  
The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the library. The public is always welcome to attend. You may view the current board packet on our website.  
**Book Club Meetings:**  
**Tea Time Book Club** (in-person) *“Black Cake” by Charmaine Wilkerson Thu. 12/8 at 2:00 PM*  
Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.  
**Global Literature Book Club** (in-person)  
*Mon. 12/19 at 7:00 PM*  
The Global Literature Book Club discusses novels from around the world, often in translation, selected by members of the club. These works are challenging, but gratifying, and provide insights into a wide variety of nations, cultures, and styles of writing. For our December meeting we will discuss book selections for the coming year. Please bring an appetizer to share.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS**  
**Monday December 5 & Monday December 19 at 1:30 PM** (in-person)  
**Crafts & Coffee**  
Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee, crafts (and conversation!) On the first and third Monday of the month at 1:30, Diane will guide you as you create a project covering a wide range of techniques, from card making to book crafts to stitchery and more.  
**Saturday December 10 at 10:30 AM** (in-person)  
**Decorating Gingerbread Houses**  
Decorate Gingerbread Houses and celebrate the winter season with your friends and family! Decorating a gingerbread house is fun for the whole family. The library will be providing all of the supplies, frosting, candies, etc.! So come get cozy and join us for fun and



laughter this holiday season!  
**Tuesday December 13 at 6:00 PM** (online)  
**Snowman Cake Pops on a Stick with The Baking Coach**  
Join us for this *sweet* virtual program! Make three snowmen to call your own and share with friends! The Baking Coach will instruct you during this virtual program and show you step-by-step how to make this wintery treat. Kits will be available for pick up at the library. *Space is limited.*  
**Saturday December 19 at 10:30 AM** (in-person)  
**DIY Zine Workshop**  
Students make and publish their own zines (mini-magazine) while gaining an understanding of zine culture and the self-publishing industry. Students generate content (fiction and nonfiction), use Adobe Photoshop and InDesign, and analyze the benefits and drawbacks of print media in the digital age. Registration is required and this workshop is intended for students grades 6th-12th and Adults  
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## Theatre on the Road from page 1

to the spirit of a traditional holiday. Audience members are encouraged to interact with the Dickens' characters, as they settle in for a fine dinner and evening of celebration. Adapted from Charles Dickens' classic, the script was written by Frank and Kristen Marquette, and she is also providing her handmade costumes. This is the 23rd season the Marquette's version of A Christmas Carol is being produced.

## OLD DUTCH VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

The ODVGC has had a busy year beginning with our annual plant sale in May. We purchased a Crimson Maple and planted it near the Red Hook High School auditorium in collaboration

with the Town of Red Hook Tree commission. We installed a new black metal fence around our garden in the memorial park and had our windmill refurbished by one of our members husbands, Brian Weit. Our neighbor Richard Mueller has done a wonderful job again this year keeping the Key Hole garden trimmed up and mowed. Throughout the very dry summer our members diligently kept it watered and weeded, and it never looked better. The Village installed a waste receptacle by the benches for our frequent visitors. People enjoy eating their lunches there or just taking advantage of the shade, sitting on the benches. The Village asked us to decorate the 4 corners for Hardscrabble Day and it remained up until this past week when Ken Migliorelli took away the straw bales he donated for the occasion.



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We have already started planning to light up our garden for the holidays. At our November meeting Cornell Cooperative Extension spoke to us about the spotted

lantern fly and how it's moving into our area, what to expect and how to control its spread. In December we will have induction of officers at our holiday party at Savonna's. The schedule for 2023 includes programs on Bee Keeping, Backyard Birding, and Flower Arranging. Our main focus is of course our Plant Sale in May. This is our main fund raiser. We have already dug and put away a donation of 3 colors of dahlias and cannas, both red and yellow. We are wintering over Mountain Bluets from our Memorial Garden as well. If you have any perennials you would like to donate, contact us in early spring. We like to have plants transferred to pots no later than 2 weeks before the sale. You can contact Linda Lawson [lnlaw8@gmail.com](mailto:lnlaw8@gmail.com) or call at 845-758-5653 to donate or for more information on the club. Happy Holidays to all from the Old Dutch Village Garden Club!

## History will be made during 'Kids on the Creek' Program-All new Saturday Drop-Off Program focused on fun and learning

The Hudson River Maritime Museum announces a new Saturday morning drop-off program for children age 5 - 10 years old (K - 3rd Grade) for the winter and spring of 2023. Join the museum the second Saturday of every month as history comes alive through engaging museum walks, projects, and storytelling. This small, once a month program will provide a behind the scenes look at the maritime and ecological history of Rondout Creek and the Hudson River while having fun with friends. Professional museum educators will lead interactive lessons, STEAM themed projects, and facilitate museum exploration. Every month's session will be a

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## A Veterinarian's Role in Public Health

By:Julianne Porter, DVM

Veterinarians are often known for their roles in treating our pets and our farm animals. However, their responsibilities and skills go beyond these positions. While many people

know that veterinarians are involved with marine life, wildlife, zoos, and shelters, it is also important to point out that they have a critical part in public health and government. Veterinarians in private practice also contribute to public health. They are trained to diagnose, prevent, and treat diseases of

animals that may affect both owners and their communities. This may include vaccinating against certain pathogens, implementing parasite control programs, and educating the public on certain diseases that could be harmful to public health. Veterinarians are also taught to report certain diseases to public health officials and collaborate with human medical professionals on zoonotic infections. Many diseases have been eradicated or significantly controlled due to veterinary inspection of animal imports and exports, which plays an important part in the defense against foreign animal diseases

Veterinarians also have careers directly in research and public health surveillance. These individuals are involved in understanding interactions between diseases, their hosts (animal or human), the environment, and how these connections impact society and our economy. This research leads to developing new therapies to manage and prevent threats to our health. As the World Health Organization has discussed, research of many diseases is handicapped by lack of knowledge, and veterinarians are part of the equation to breaking through that barrier.

Veterinarians are involved in making sure medications, vaccines and medical devices are safe and effective. They work with the FDA, USDA, and EPA to regulate these areas and encourage the development of safer and more effective products.

At both the state and federal levels of government, veterinarians work in food safety, disease surveillance, outbreak investigation, laboratory animal care, biomedical research, and public health management. At the state level, each department of agriculture has a state veterinarian responsible for protecting livestock, poultry, aquaculture, and the public. These veterinarians regulate the import and processing of animals to control and eradicate diseases, as well as protect the welfare of these animals. Veterinarians are also involved in the legislative branch of the government to publicize laws, rules, and regulations that protect public health and national defense.

Veterinarians protect not only our pets, but play a crucial role in protecting humans, other animals, and society.

goes along with the holidays can be stressful for our dogs that don't quite understand what is going on. While we humans try to get more done in the time we have, our dogs only see an upset to their normal routine, trees growing in the living room and, in many homes, an unusual amount of kitchen activity that produces amazing aromas. **HOLIDAY FOODS**

- While the array a food that comes from our kitchen are treats to be had by the human members of our households, they can be dangerous when consumed by our dogs; some even toxic. These include fatty or spicy foods, bread dough, fresh herbs, alcoholic beverages and sweets of all kind, especially those with chocolate or xylitol, an artificial sweetener.
- Particularly dangerous are cooked poultry bones. Cooked bones easily splinter, and the bone shards can cause choking or get stuck in your dog's gums. Instead, give "dog bones" specifically designed for dogs to chew.

Ask your veterinarian or trainer for suggestions.

- Discourage your dog from foraging in the garbage. Secure all trash cans. It's natural that you do want to share holiday treats with your dog. While a small taste of turkey or sweet potatoes can make your dog happy, don't over do it. Too much of a good thing can make him sick.

### DECORATIONS ARE NOT PLAYTHINGS

- Keep your pets away from holiday plants, many of which are poisonous, such as holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and amaryllis.
- Snow globes can contain antifreeze, which is extremely toxic to dogs. Keep any antifreeze products away from your happy, tail-wagging dog. If there is an antifreeze spill, send your dog out of the room while you clean up the liquid. Dilute the spot with water and floor cleaner to ensure your dog does not lick the area later.

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## Barkbusters from page 6

- Keep electrical wires and batteries out of your pet's reach. Chewing or biting anything electrical can cause shock or burns.
- Don't leave lighted candles unattended. A lit candle knocked over by a swinging tail can burn your pet or cause a fire.

## CHRISTMAS TREES CAN BE HAZARDOUS

- Anchor the tree to the ceiling or wall to prevent it from tipping over.
- Hang non-breakable ornaments near the bottom of the tree. Avoid putting tinsel on your tree. If ingested, tinsel can twist in your dog's intestines and be deadly.
- Don't let your dog drink Christmas tree water. The water may contain preservative chemicals, which can trigger severe indigestion in dogs. Stagnant clean water can breed bacteria and cause nausea or diarrhea to the pet which imbibes.

- Regularly sweep up fallen pine needles, as they can puncture holes in a dog's intestines if ingested.
- ## HELP YOUR DOG FEEL SAFE AND RELAXED
- Most dogs get very excited when guests arrive. To help your dog be calmer, exercise him prior to the festivities. After 30 minutes of walking or playtime, your dog will likely be relaxed or want to nap.
  - As a general rule, don't allow the family dog to greet unfamiliar guests since unusual activities and commotion can cause him extra stress.
  - Give your dog a break from the hubbub by putting him in his crate or in a quiet room with his bed. Allow him to rejoin the festivities after guests have arrived. Don't put your dog outside, especially in cold temperatures, where you might forget about him.
  - Pets stressed by unfamiliar

events typically pant more, so keep your dog's water bowl filled with freshwater.

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## A FINAL NOTE

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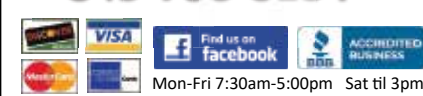
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## History Will Be Made from page 5

new theme. Families can register for one or all five of the sessions. The museum uses all of its resources, including the Wooden Boat School, to create

a meaningful experience for the children in the program. According to Kerry Gallagher, the program's creator, "All of the activities, from the artifacts we see in the museum to the hands-on project and stories,

are related to the day's theme. This creates an environment for learning using a variety of engaging and unique activities". Programs take place from 10am - 1pm, January through May, 2023. The dates of the programs are Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, and May 13. The program includes a T-shirt, snack, and take-home project. Discounts are available for siblings, members, and multi-week registrations. For more information, contact Kerry Gallagher or Michael Poerio at 845-338-0583 ext. 16 or [Education@hrmm.org](mailto:Education@hrmm.org). You can register online through the Hudson River Maritime Museum's website [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org).



The Hudson River Maritime Museum is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the maritime history of the Hudson River, its tributaries and related communities. In addition to extensive collections documenting maritime transportation, industry, recreation, and natural science, the museum offers classes and programs at its Wooden Boat School, Sailing and Rowing School, and aboard its floating classroom, Solaris. The museum is located along the historic Rondout waterfront in downtown Kingston. Visit [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org) for more information.

## MAC-HAYDN AWARDED \$10,000 IN RECOVERY FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The Mac-Haydn Theatre has

received a Regrowth and Capacity grant of \$10,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts. The grant will go toward the organization's COVID-19 costs, as the Chatham theatre continues its ongoing recovery from pandemic challenges. Mac-Haydn's Managing Director James Rodgers spoke to the significance of this support: "NYSCA's contribution aided us in providing the resources to maintain a safe environment for our staff and patrons during this extremely challenging period. These resources, combined with the diligent work from our staff, allowed us to maintain an uninterrupted 2022 summer season. This was a remarkable achievement under the circumstances." After shuttering for the entirety of its 2020 season, the Mac-Haydn reopened in July of 2021 and recently concluded its first full, 4-month season back since 2019 this past summer.

COVID-19-related expenses have ranged from PPE, to company-wide weekly antigen testing, to COVID Compliance Officer Certification Training. "NYSCA applauds Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature for their historic investment of \$240 million for the nonprofit arts and culture sector," said Mara Manus, Executive Director of NYSCA. "As we continue rebuilding the arts across our New York, Mac-Haydn Theatre will play a vital role in the renewal of our state's economy and creative ecosystem. Congratulations on your award from the entire NYSCA team." "Council congratulates Mac-Haydn Theatre on their grant award! These grants are from the people of New York State, for the future of New York State," said Katherine Nicholls, Chair, NYSCA. For more information on the Mac-Haydn and its current projects, please visit [www.machaydntheatre.org](http://www.machaydntheatre.org).

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# God's Corner

## REJOICING IN THE BIRTH OF JESUS!

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10,11).

On the day that Jesus was born, the announcement of His Birth was given by an Angel to Shepherds outside of Bethlehem. The Joyous Good News of great joy of His birth is for all people. The Shepherds lives were changed as result of the Good News about why Jesus came to Earth. Down through the ages Jesus has changed the lives of everyone that have believed on Him and received Him as their Personal Savior and Lord.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Word of God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). It is very clear from John 1:1-14 that the Eternal Word is Jesus. He is God, and at the appointed time He became a man. He is Perfect God-Perfect Man. The Lord chose a Virgin girl by the name of Mary from Nazareth to give Birth to Jesus. The Angel Gabriel told Mary that she was chosen, and that she would give Birth to Jesus. “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee” (Luke 1:35a).

Now the time had come for the Birth of Jesus. Mary and Joseph

lived in Nazareth and because of the decree for the taxation by the Romans they had to travel to Bethlehem, which was about ninety miles from Nazareth. Mary was in her ninth month. When they got to Bethlehem there was no room in the Inn. Jesus was born in a stable and placed in a manger. A very humble setting for our Precious Lord Jesus to be born. The Shepherds were greeted by the Angel's Message of His Birth and went quickly to Bethlehem to see Him. The lives of the Shepherds were changed, and they made known the saying what they were told concerning the Child Jesus! They Glorified and Praised God (Luke 2:20).

I trust as we Celebrate the Birth of Jesus that you will be Rejoicing in His Birth, and why He came to Earth. He came to save sinners - That is all of us. “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). When you truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and Receive Him into your Life you will have the promise of Eternal Life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Salvation is a Gift of God's Grace offered to everyone that calls upon His name to be saved. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). I urge you to come to Christ today and receive the best Gift ever: The Gift of Salvation in Christ, and

in Him alone. “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15).

If you would like to know more about the Birth of Jesus, and/or how the become a Christian and live the Christian Life, please contact us by Email at [fdcirone@aol.com](mailto:fdcirone@aol.com) or by phone at (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923. Grace Bible Fellowship Church is located at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 9G, 1/4 Mile North on Route 9 in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Frank L. Cirone, Pastor.

## Creating to Reflect the Glory of God

By Naomi Fata

As the countdown to Christmas begins, those in the Christian community look towards the day of Christmas as the celebration of Christ coming to earth as a baby. There is wonder and awe at the miracle. Yet, the story does not end there.

After birth there is the living - The ordinary days of existence on earth that could be purpose filled or not. The trajectory of ordinary life consists of growing, school, college, and then many years of work. What about Jesus? Do you every wonder what His days were like? He grew up in a carpenter's family, with brothers and went on to be a carpenter Himself.

Stop for a moment and think of Jesus as a young man, working with wood, building beautiful things. I wonder if He was ever restless, thinking that He was wasting His life hammering nails, impatient for the “real” work of “ministering”.

Don't we all seem to think that the public life of a person in the limelight of a pulpit or stage is what is most important? Yet most of our lives is made up of work.

In her book *Simply Tuesday*, Emily P Freeman has some profound insights into the work of our hands. She wrote, “We were made to build, to co-create, to bring glory to God with the work of our hands, to move into the world as unique reflections

of Christ. But we were not made to fill rooms, stadiums, or bank accounts. We were not made to fill our souls with worth we construct with our hands.”

If the work of our hands is a work of co-creating to bring glory to God, would not the work of Jesus' hands as a carpenter been such a work as well. Rather than lament the boundaries that work puts on our life and our time, could we learn to look at work as an opportunity to “move through the world as unique reflections of Christ”?

(As Emily P. Freeman puts it) Reflecting Christ in our work starts first in our heart attitude and heart relationship with Him. It may begin with a thankful attitude, about the work His has given, or it may begin with an attitude of availability asking Him to use our work to bring encouragement or joy to another. As a professional seamstress I think of my own work as a way of creating beauty in this world, in such a way that brings others joy.

I wonder what reflection of the character of God was seen in the carpentry of Jesus' hands. This Christmas season may you find joy in the work of your hands as you reflect the image of Christ in all that you do. Don't belittle the smallness of any task, it is all equal opportunity to bring glory to God in your everyday life.

May Colossians 3:23 bring you encouragement and joy, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

## A GILDED AGE CHRISTMAS AT STAATSBURGH NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 31, 2021

StaatsburghStateHistoricSite will present *A Gilded Age Christmas* from late November through New Year's Eve, featuring lavish decorations in a Gilded Age mansion. The decorations create a stunning and festive touring experience in the Beaux-Arts country home, one of the great estates of the Hudson Valley. Staatsburgh will open for holiday visits on Friday, November 25, by advance reservation only at [www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS). Tickets are purchased on arrival at the site; only an entry time reservation is required in advance. The site cannot guarantee availability for drop-in visitors. Admission is \$8 per adult; \$6 for seniors and students; children ages 12 and younger are free.

Staatsburgh was the Gilded Age country home of Ruth Livingston Mills, a prominent figure in New York Society, and her husband, financier and philanthropist Ogden Mills. Their stately home overlooking the Hudson River was redesigned and expanded to 79 rooms in 1895 by the famous architect Stanford White. Visitors can tour the mansion Thursdays through Sundays, through December 23. The site will be closed on December 24 and 25. From December 26 through December 31, Staatsburgh will be open every day. In addition, Staatsburgh will be open on Friday evening, December 16. The site's giftshop will be open during all tour hours, offering a wide range of books, jewelry, apparel, toys, and other gift items. Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park are located on Old Post Road in Staatsburg, off Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Hyde Park. The historic site is one of 6 sites and 15 parks administered by the Taconic Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. For more information, call 845-889-8851, or visit Staatsburgh's websites at [Parks.NY.gov](http://Parks.NY.gov), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/staatsburghshs), and [Blogger](https://www.blogger.com/staatsburghshs). Staatsburgh's events are listed at [Parks.NY.gov/Events](http://Parks.NY.gov/Events). New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 individual parks, historic sites, recreational trails, and boat launches, which were visited by a record 78 million people. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit [www.parks.ny.gov](http://www.parks.ny.gov), download the free [NY State Parks Explorer mobile app](http://NYStateParksExplorer.com) or call 518.474.0456. Also, connect with us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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## Germantown Garden Club Learns About Herbal Medicine

At the November meeting of the Germantown Garden Club Aviva Skye Tillson owner of Apis Apotheca gave a very informative talk titled "All About Botanicals". She talked about the benefits of commonly found plants in our own gardens and local landscapes. Apis Apotheca is a local herbal skin care company which was founded by farmers, herbalists, and educators. The club learned what benefits can be derived from different herbs and how to use them.



Aviva Skye Tillson, owner of Apis Apotheca

Also on the agenda was a discussion of the club's upcoming Christmas Market

December 3 and 4 at the Palatine Parsonage on Maple Ave. in Germantown. The market will feature hand-decorated fresh wreaths, fresh table arrangements, a bake sale, a boutique sale and a raffle of many gift baskets. The club held an election of officers for 2023: Elected were: President Fran Bufi, Vice-President, Maureen Lockwood, Corresponding Secretary, Kate Kennedy, Recording Secretary, Elke Crane and Treasurer, Joyce Vale. The Germantown Garden Club's program for 2023 is in the planning stages. The Germantown Garden Club is a member of the Third District, Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc., Central Atlantic Region and National Garden Clubs. For more information about this club call Fran Bufi at 518-537-4868.

## Alan Shulman – Composer, Cellist, Arranger

On Sunday December 4 at 3:00 PM Claverack resident Jay Shulman

will give a presentation at the Claverack Library about his father, cellist, composer and arranger Alan Shulman, who died in Hudson 20 years ago.



Alan Shulman



Jay Shulman

Alan Shulman was cellist of the Stuyvesant String Quartet, the Kreiner and Haydn Quartets, and the Philharmonia Trio. He was a member of the NBC Symphony under Arturo Toscanini and recorded with Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley and Aretha Franklin. Alan Shulman's compositions have been performed by the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra and Chicago Symphony, and his works have been recorded by Jascha Heifetz, Arthur Fiedler, and jazz greats Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Steve Allen and Irene Kral. He wrote music for radio, television, movies (*The Tattooed Stranger*) and for children's records. He arranged for soprano Risë Stevens and singer-songwriter Cris Williamson, and taught orchestration to legendary arranger Nelson Riddle. The program will include music and images from a 'musician's musician' whose career spanned half a century of American music; refreshments will be served at the conclusion. The program is free of charge. The Claverack Free Library is located at 9 Route 9H at the intersection with Route 23B. [www.claveracklibrary.org](http://www.claveracklibrary.org)

## ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 10. 9:00am-noon. Snow date Sunday, December 11, starting at 11am-2pm. The very popular annual cookie walk sale. Cordes Hall, Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill Street. Make your selection from 40+ kinds of homemade holiday cookies made by our church's best bakers. \$11.00/lb.

## Holiday Business After Hours at Village Dodge

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are encouraged to contact the Chamber for reservations at (518) 828-4417. Hope to see you there!

## Rhinebeck Grange/Rhinecliff Holiday Weekend Rhinecliff Wreath Sat., Dec. 10 @ 10 am

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- 2 cups dry stuffing mix
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- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 ½ pounds flank steak, pounded thin for easy rolling
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 (10.5 ounce) can mushroom gravy
- ¼ cup red wine
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

**Directions**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

In a medium bowl, combine the stuffing mix, water and butter or margarine. Mix well and let stand for 5 minutes. Spoon the stuffing onto the steak, leaving a 1 inch border. Add the green onions and the red bell pepper.

Roll from the long edge of the steak and secure with wooden toothpicks. Place steak seam side down in a 9x13 inch baking dish.

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vice-president of the Upper Hudson Chapter of Sisters in Crime where she also chairs the annual virtual mystery writers conference – Murderous March. Tina deBellegarde writes the *Batavia-on-Hudson Mysteries*. The first book in the series, *Winter Witness*, was nominated for an Agatha Award, a Silver Falchion Award and a CIBA Mystery & Mayhem Award.



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**The Claverack Library** is pleased to host The Triform Bell Choir for a free Winter Concert on Friday, December 9th at 6:00 PM. The Triform Bell Choir, under the direction of Akiko Suesada, is comprised of residents of the Triform Camphill Community. These young adults with special needs work together to bring their musical talent to events both inside

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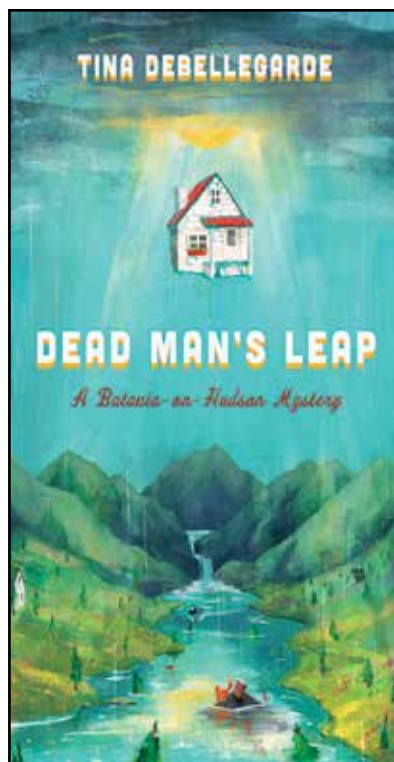
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*Dead Man's Leap* released in April 2022. She lives in Catskill, New York with her husband Denis and their cat Shelby where they tend bees and harvest shiitake mushrooms. She winters in South Florida and travels to Japan often to visit

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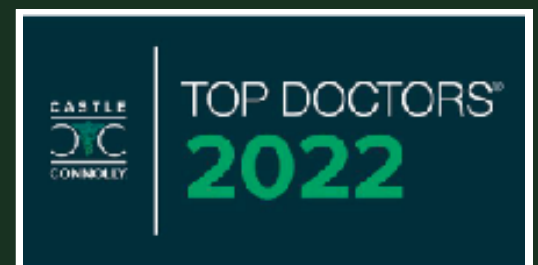
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and outside of Triform. The Bell Choir has performed in benefit concerts at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City, and at the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco. They have also performed for the Hudson Opera House's Winter Walk and for student graduations, conferences, and celebrations in Triform. By playing music collaboratively, the Bell Choir exemplifies one of life's most beautiful and important lessons – by working together the world is a more harmonious place. The program is free of charge, but we ask that reservations be made by either emailing

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“It’s the fastest growing part of our business, thanks to Danny,” says Knick. “We’re taking on more properties to maintain and manage for absentee landlords, or landlords who are investing and buying multi-families.”

- Staley Real Estate offers a full range of property management services, including:
- Helping determine the most suitable rental price to stay competitive
  - Suggesting fixes and upgrades for rental

- units that are vacated
- Handling tenant trouble calls 24/7
  - Arranging for contractors to do repairs and other work
  - Performing periodic visits to inspect property to ensure it’s being maintained
  - Enforcing leases, and collecting and adjusting rents And more.
- The Staley’s say that adjusting to prevailing market conditions and client needs has been crucial to the continued success of their business. “It’s a part of the business that’s

growing, it’s steady,” relates Dan. “And we’re landlords ourselves. Dad’s been a landlord practically his whole life, and I’ve owned a few properties over my time. So we live and breathe property management, and we’re good at it, and we put the Staley name behind it.”

Being an integral part of the community means that Staley Real Estate is trusted by tenants and landlords to handle sometimes pressing, as well as routine aspects of maintenance and management that are crucial to operating successfully.

Dan notes that “We do anything, from being the person on call for emergencies, all the way to what I call coast-to-coast type of services, where we collect the rent, we pay the bills, and we send the balance to the landlord.”





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“We do snow removal, lawn maintenance, minor maintenance calls, things like breaker replacements, lighting maintenance, and so on,” says Knick. “And if we can’t do it ourselves,” adds Dan, “we call in the people who can.”

Having those connections is especially important, since finding contractors is a challenge all its own, currently, says Knick.

**Selling and Buying Under Current Market Conditions**

The combination of a housing inventory squeeze, together with rising interest rates, has created a challenging landscape for buyers and sellers in different ways, especially depending on their specific circumstances.

“I would say it’s 50-50,” says Knick, about whether it’s a buyers’ or sellers’ market. “There are two different types of sellers. If the seller is forced to sell their home because they have a job transfer to another state, or whatever the reason, they’re going to get an offer that they’re probably going to accept. People who are not under any kind of pressure to sell, are probably going to stay firm on their price. So it’s all about the circumstances.”

Knick has some advice for buyers. “Buyers should not think that prices are going to go down because of the interest rates. Because of supply and demand, prices will be maintained fairly steady. What they should realize is that they still should attempt

to buy, and then at some point down the road, they’ll be able to refinance their mortgage, and get it down to a more reasonable figure. But I can tell you, new listings coming into our hot sheet are few and far between.”

**How Staley Can Compete With The Bigs**

It’s hardly news that many formerly local real estate firms have come under the wing of larger real estate companies. The competition presents challenges, but the Staley’s say there are also opportunities—and advantages for clients—that come from remaining independent.

Dan says plainly, “We can offer them a better value, because we don’t have a lot of the overhead that the big corporations do”. Also, we can be flexible since it is our name on the sign and you know who you’re dealing with. “You look us in the eye, we offer quality personal service, multi-generational, with local knowledge in zoning, troubleshooting, closing out open permits and all that stuff, we’re boots on the ground. Where some of these, especially these virtual websites, which are offering these reduced commissions, you don’t get that kind of service.”

Knick says that being rooted in the community is something that can’t be bought. “Both Dan and I served on the Rhinebeck Town Board. There are people who like knowing that we understand the town government,

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and that Dan helped formulate the current town zoning laws. He was part of the team that helped update the zoning law and Comprehensive Plan back in 2009, so he's an expert on that. **A History of Commitment To Community**

The Staley family has long been an integral part of the Rhinebeck and Northern Dutchess community. In the 1960's Knick and his father, Homer Sr., were instrumental in helping Brooke Astor dispose of her large family property, and creating subdivisions of land, but also working with her to preserve a substantial area, Ferncliff Forest.

But even before that, Knick notes that his grandfather Irving led work projects and helped

fellow families during the tough times of the Depression.

"He was a very successful contractor who built "stone row" at Bard College. He was a stone and brick mason, mainly. And he had a crew of 25 men when the Depression hit. And what they did back then before there was any government assistance, welfare, food stamps, is everybody took care of everybody else. My grandfather kept paying his men, even though he had no work.

"And he came up with work for them. One of the things he did is he got some investors together and they bought some apple orchards, and made the Red Hook Golf Club. And so he invented work, and those 25 families over the years turned into hundreds of families. And because of what my grandfather did, we've received

back a lot of local business."

Knick credits his grandfather Irving, whose slogan was "Build Right the First Time" for sowing seeds that influenced the region and created lasting good will.

Continuing that community involvement is just as important to Knick and Dan.

"We're established here, 73 years this year, and we'll be going into our 74th, which we're very proud of," says Dan. "My goal is to maintain the Staley Real Estate family business. And have no intention of merging or anything like that in the future. I'd like to make it to 100 years in my lifetime." The Staley's are also members of the National Association of REALTORS®, the largest trade association in the country. REALTORS® are held to a higher ethical standard than none REALTOR® agents and

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